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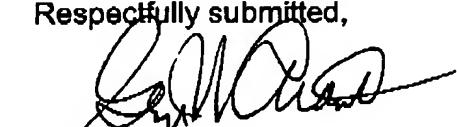
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Dear Mr. Omgba:

After issuance of the Notice of Allowance, but **before** payment of the issue fee, we filed two documents: a Supplemental Declaration of the Inventor, and a revised Abstract. About four months **after** payment of the issue fee the file was apparently returned to you to approve the official entry of those two documents. Our review of PRIVATE PAIR indicates that you did approve them on May 19, 2006.

Therefore, we assume that you no longer have the file on this matter and that the patent will eventually be issued by publications branch.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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